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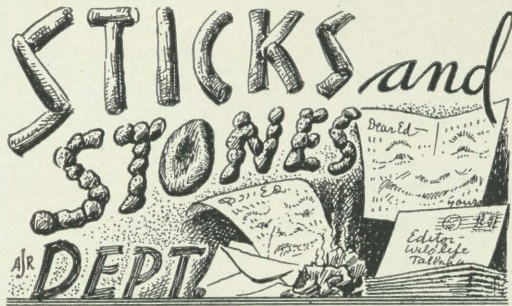


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A black and white photograph of a swampy landscape. In the foreground, a large, gnarled tree trunk stands prominently, with Spanish moss hanging from its branches. To the left, another large tree is visible. The background shows a dense forest of trees, also covered in Spanish moss, reflected in a body of water. A bird is seen in flight in the upper right portion of the image.

YOUR STAKE IN CONSERVATION

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SAMBAR IN SOUTH FLORIDA?

Dear Sir:

I am particularly interested in the article in your last issue in which you carried the story of Sambar deer by Coleman Newman.

I am particularly interested in his description of the Sambar because it may solve a mystery which has beset me for many years. For several years after I moved into the western part of Charlotte County in 1924 natives were telling me about an extremely large deer ranging along the cypress who had a very peculiar set of antlers and was dark in color.

This deer, they said, had only one eye and that illicit hunters had been trying for years to kill it. They named him "Whistling Bill" because he always let out a shrill whistle and dashed off through the woods, making as much noise as a grown cow.

Before I moved away from Charlotte County in 1928 a boy came to my house one day bringing a set of antlers which he said he had picked up in the cypress where the deer had evidently died. I got the boy to take me back where he had found the bones and head and there I found the bones of what seemed to be the largest deer I had ever seen in my lifetime. The leg bones were very large and long and all the other bones were large in proportion. I had these antlers mounted and they are now hanging over my desk here in Fort Myers where any one interested may see them. The antlers are exactly like those shown in Mr. Newman's story.

S. L. DITTO.

Ft. Myers.

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FLORIDA WILDLIFE WISED HIM UP

Dear Sir:

For ages I have been cussing the Commission for many things I thought they should do and did not. A few weeks ago a warden friend of mine gave me a copy of FLORIDA WILDLIFE, and I found you are doing most of those very things. My friend did not tell me he thought I should be better informed, but I know he thought

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The Cover

An osprey flaps home
to his nest on the cypress-
studded Wakulla River.—

Photo by Chas. Anderson.

What is a Sportsman?

SEVERAL weeks ago we received a six-word inquiry from one of our readers.

"How do you recognize a sportsman." It was a simple inquiry. But it started us opening up our Webster's dictionary.

Sportsman—one who pursues sport, especially of the field.

Somehow or other Webster's definition seemed a mile short of hitting the bulls-eye.

Good and bad sportsmen, we reasoned, are found in everyday life just as surely as good and bad ones are found afield.

Take the fellow, for instance, who parks his automobile for eight hours in a one-hour parking space and then beefs his head off when he has to plunk down a \$1 fine. He's the same chap who grumbles that Florida's \$2 fishing-license fee is unjust and too high. He's the same person too who flaunts the law, fishes without a license, and later berates the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in general and wildlife officers in particular when he gets caught.

He's no sportsman!

Then there's the war-time hoarder. The fellow who grabbed up case lots of soda crackers, toilet paper and condensed milk on the black market while you and I patiently stood in line for hours at a time just to buy a single scarce item. That same crack-brain still operates today even though the war is behind us. You'll find him carrying home illegal plunder of duck, squirrel, fish or deer after a selfish day afield.

He's no sportsman!

Or, let's study the Sunday picnicker who wantonly destroys the picnic table in a nice shady grove; then drives away after tossing empty tin cans hither and yon, and discarding mountains of wrapping paper to the four-winds. You'll find him

working in a different field next Fall. He's the same chap who'll start hunting without seeking a farmer's permission. He'll wind up his day afield by breaking down a fence or two, setting fire to a haystack, and just for spite, sniping a helpless cow.

He is no sportsman!

Don't forget, too, the fellow who sticks his elbow in your ribs and belligerently ruins your new shoe-shine boarding the five o'clock bus. You'll meet him again next hunting season. He'll be the fellow who suddenly dashes in front of you and kills the wild turkey that you, and you alone, earnestly stalked for an hour or more.

He is no sportsman!

There's also the hit-and-run driver we read about last week. He's the one who ran over the little Smith girl when she stepped off the curb with a sack of groceries. Truth of the matter is that he'd guzzled a few beers just before the accident; so there was but one thing to do and he did it—he roared away and left her unconscious in the street. That same fellow will go hunting next season. He'll have three or four drinks under his belt before he starts and there's a chance he'll mistake your thirteen-year-old boy for a deer or turkey. But he'll be a long way off before a group of other hunters find the injured lad.

He's no sportsman either!

So, we've decided that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. If a fellow isn't a good sportsman in everyday life—then the mere fact that he buys an expensive gun and provides himself with a license won't make him one!

Bill Snyder

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joe Padderatz is a better-than-average fisherman, who brings back better-than-average catches. And he does it—

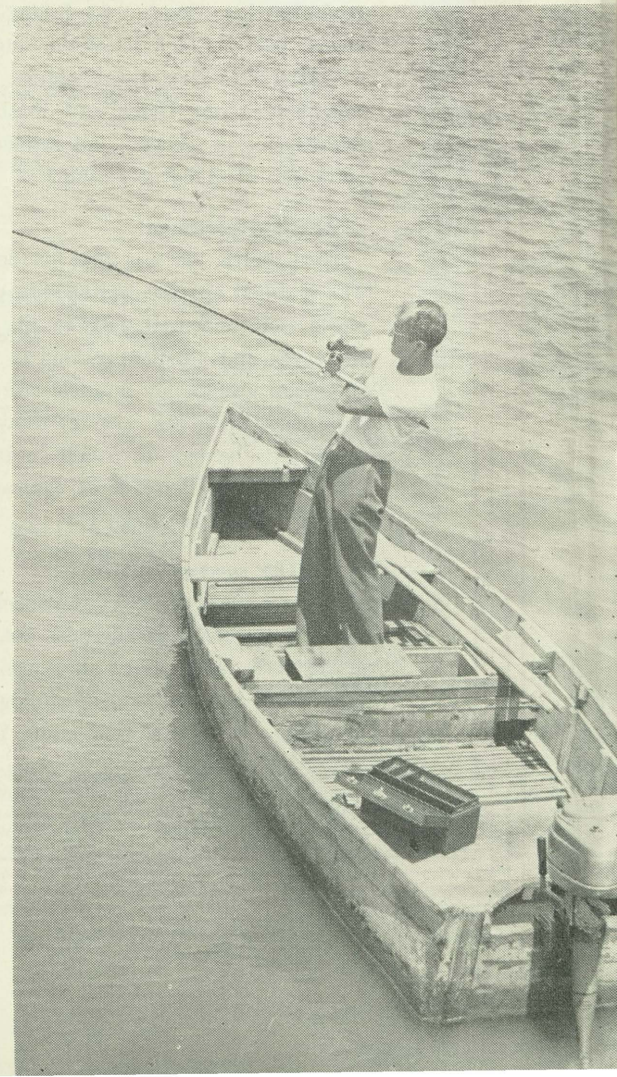
Without Any Hands!

by
BILL SNYDER

Operating his reel with his stubby right arm, Joe is shown pulling in a five-pounder he hooked at New Smyrna Beach.

It took Joe Padderatz three years to learn to wrap poles completely unassisted.

It took two years to master the art of baiting a hook with live shrimp.



FLORIDA fishing performed a modern miracle for armless Joe Padderatz of New Smyrna Beach!

Today, Joe is just as handy with two stubbed arms as you and I are with perfectly normal hands—and, says Joe—Florida fishing did the trick.

His story is as amazing as Joe himself. It's a story of swooping disaster that came in the wink of an eye. Disaster that would shrivel the soul of an ordinary man—but Joe showed the world that he's no ordinary man. He proved it with the assistance of a rod and reel.

In 1929, Joe was working as chief electrical engineer for a nationally-known corporation at Niagara Falls, Ont. One day as he was working on a ridge pole inside the sprawling plant, something suddenly went wrong. Before he knew it 12,000 volts of man-made lightning lashed out at him.

Before the horrified eyes of his

fellow workers Joe's seared body tumbled onto the concrete floor below. For days it was a nip-and-tuck battle with death for Joe. But one day it was all over; doctors gave him the clear signal. Joe was alive and out of danger—with both arms burned off at the elbow.

That's what happened to diminutive Joe Padderatz in 1929.

From that moment he was thrust into a totally unfamiliar world. A world where it was necessary for him to awkwardly assist himself without hands. A world where an electrical engineering degree was as valueless as a canceled bank check.

What's even worse, Joe was ashamed of his two stubby, scarred arms. People, he discovered, stared at him as if he were a sideshow freak—and Joe couldn't take it.

For eight years he hid like a hunted animal. He even moved to Florida where no one knew him.

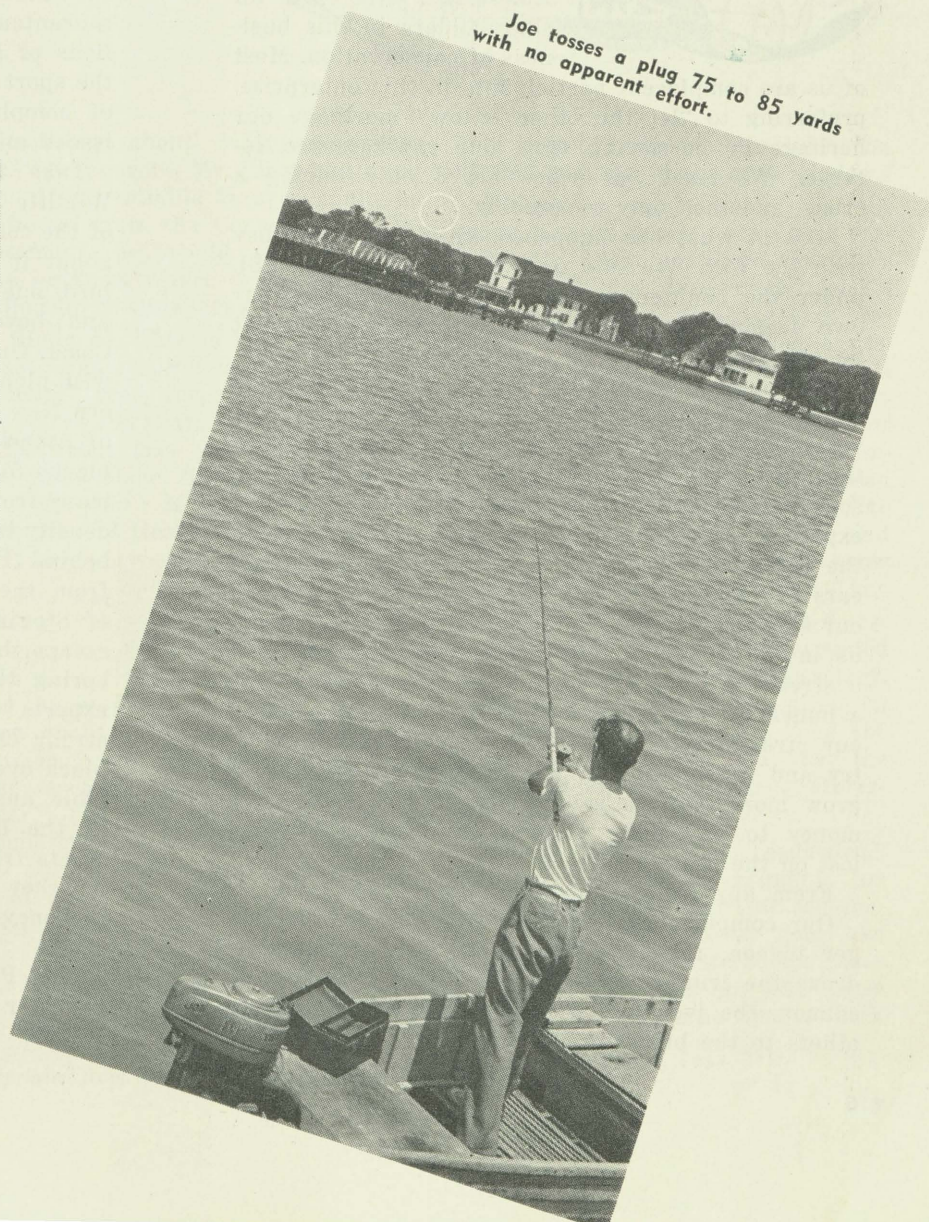
Then Joe's miracle started happening! One day he suddenly found he was fed up with hiding.

"To hell with it," he said. "I'm going fishing."

The next day found him fishing with a cracker pole and a 10-cent line in the Halifax River—what's more he caught a fish too. The fish, it's true, was small but supplied him with the determination to overcome his handicap. Right then Joe vowed to go fishing every day, until he could "stand up to the best damn fisherman in Volusia County." He laid out an accomplishment "agenda" that he swore to complete if it took him 20 years.

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Joe turns down all offers of assistance when it comes to starting his outboard motor.



Joe tosses a plug 75 to 85 yards with no apparent effort.

YOUR STAKE IN Conservation

by leonard e. foote

***public indifference is slowly costing us our wildlife
heritage, says a well-known conservationist.***



YOU are an American, a stockholder in the largest profit-sharing business in the world. So are the other 130 million Americans. We are all shareholders in this business of conservation. Most

of us are complacent participants in this enterprise, preferring to "let the other fellow" mortgage our heritage by borrowing from our raw-resource reserve. We make our voice heard only during a crisis, and then only too meekly.

Look at what has happened while we were busy with the war. We sold our wildlife down the hill, under the counter, and out the culvert. Yet our own demands on this wildlife resource still cannot be satisfied.

The number of hunters is up and our wildlife supply is down. We blame it on the weather, the vermin, the state fish and game department, and that poacher over the hill who shoots out of season. But any expert will tell you that we have been exploiting our natural resources by biting back on the principal. We mined our soils, producing two ears of corn where one grew before; we farmed our submarginal lands, lands that wouldn't support us in 1933; we cut our forests for two slabs and a streak of sawdust; we overgrazed our lands for a bunch of bones and a hank of hair; we polluted our streams with the waste of mechanized industry and human living; we drained our sloughs to grow more corn to raise more pigs to earn more money to buy more sloughs to drain—waterfowl lost on the deal.

From any angle it looks like our own fault.

Our complacency lost the heath hen, the passenger pigeon, the Labrador duck; our complacency drove the trumpeter swan, the bison, the Atlantic salmon, the ivory-billed woodpecker and a host of others to the brink of extinction; our complacency

will just as surely cost us our waterfowling and our upland-game hunting.

You know who loses: the farmer loses the whistle of the evening quail as he finishes his chores; the slum boy loses the memory of the nose-twitching rabbit as he summers at camp; the hotelman, restaurateur and gas-station owner lose money—millions of hard dollars—spent by hunters to pursue the sport of our fathers. You lose, you lose because of complacency. Complacency that lets the little issues slide by; complacency of "do nothing".

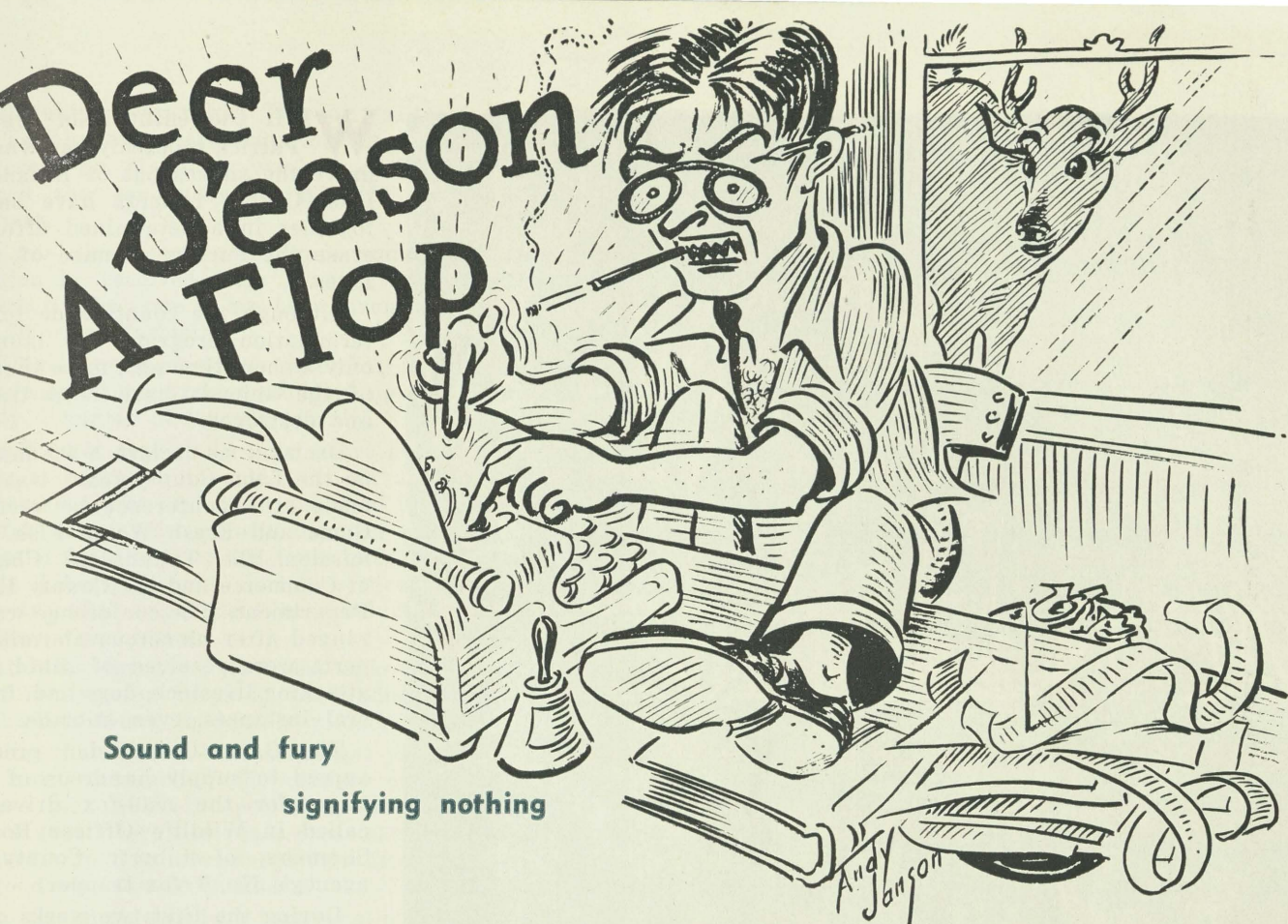
Take for example the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Its story is just another instance of the complacency that "lets the other fellow worry about it". The black duck is an Atlantic flyway bird, one that ranges from Florida to Hudson Bay and beyond but principally along the Atlantic Coast. Our experts tell us that the black is endowed with plenty of breeding areas stretching from southern New England to the Canadian tundra. Throngs of American sportsmen depend upon the flights of blacks for their fall waterfowling. These are Americans from our region of greatest human population density in North America, Americans from the slums behind Park Avenue and Beacon Hill, Americans from the fires of Pittsburgh and from the ships of Stonington. Unless a certain number of blacks escape the gun each year for breeding the following spring the flight will dwindle to the brink. Our experts decided that the linking together of a strong chain of refuge areas, tracts suitable to the black over which no man can hunt, is the best possible answer in the face of continued usurpation of the black's home wintering grounds. If these tracts from Florida to Maine are not publicly owned, they said, the black would be doomed by complacency—complacency of "let the other fellow do it".

The Parker River Refuge was one of the links cast for this strong chain. Perhaps you heard of

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Deer Season A Flop

Sound and fury
signifying nothing



MR. William Blast, editor of *The Broken Pole and Rusty Musket*, the periodical devoted exclusively to the cause of conservation, sat happily at his desk. He had just returned from a deer hunting trip which had been, thank goodness, completely unsuccessful, and he was now prepared to let his readers know about it. His banner headline, already written, was clear evidence of his editorial and reporting genius: **DEER SEASON A FLOP.**

But Mr. Blast, a conscientious editor, decided that in all fairness his story should have a little more documentation, so he put in a call to the Conservation Department.

"Blast speaking," he said. "What's the dope on deer?"

"You mean you'd like to have the figures on this season's deer kill," said a voice in Albany.

"Did somebody kill one?" asked Mr. Blast, slapping his thigh at this clever jibe and imagining the confusion it would cause at the other end.

"The total kill," came the answer, "was ten per cent above that of last year, and an all-time record for the State. Would you like the figures on regional take, and take by county?"

There was no answer. Muttering

something about whippersnappers and bureaucrats, Mr. Blast had hung up. If no reliable figures could be obtained from the Conservation Department, he would get his own, and he knew where to get them. He called up Si Sideburns.

"Hello Si. This is your old friend Blast from the *Pole and Musket*. Remember? Well, forget it then. Listen Si, you're 103 years old and you know a lot about deer hunting. What do you think about the lousy season we had this year? Might call it a stinkeroo, eh old timer?"

"I got one," piped Mr. Sideburns.

"You what?" This was a stunning reverse. "Now listen Si, you've never let me down before. Why, you haven't been out of the house for 15 years. You know every fall we publish a story about how you've failed to get your buck for the tenth consecutive year or something. Now listen, old timer," and Mr. Blast took a more conciliatory tone, "You're 103 and you oughta stay home. You need a lot of rest. Now what did you want to go out deer hunting for?"

by
P. W. FOSBURGH

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"I didn't," croaked Mr. Sideburns. "I shot him out of the attic window."

Making a mental note that he would have to develop some new contacts, Mr. Blast put down the phone and faced his typewriter. **DEER SEASON A FLOP.** "Hunters beware," he wrote. "Misleading statistics are now being circulated by a certain department, designed to cover up the hopeless incompetence of that department by creating the impression that the past deer season was a good one. Readers of *The Broken Pole and Rusty Musket*, and other true conservationists, will know the department to which I refer. They will also know the season was a —"

Mr. Blast's prose was interrupted by the arrival of his secretary. "There's a Miss Bunny Teagarden on the phone," she announced, "and she wants to know if it's true that the State is going to establish a reforestation area near here."

"Kindly inform Miss Teagarden," muttered the editor, gripping his desk in a supreme effort at self-control, "that *The Broken Pole and Rusty Musket* is devoted to the cause of conservation, and to that cause exclusively. We have no time to check

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North Florida's War on Foxes

by Bill Snyder

WITH the enthusiasm that St. Patrick reputedly had when he drove the snakes out of Ireland, 70 Leon County farmers have banded together in a determined effort to erase the current menace of rabid foxes.

Although the county-wide fox extermination program was launched only a short time ago, more than 300 of the animals have been trapped and destroyed.

Decision to declare a 90-day war on the Leon County foxes was first made at a conference between the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce and the County Health Department. The conference was arranged after numerous alarming reports were received of rabid foxes attacking livestock, dogs and, in several instances, even humans.

The Game Commission promptly agreed to supply hundreds of steel traps for the mad-fox drive and called in Wildlife Officer Ross G. Summers, of Liberty County, the agency's No. 1 fox trapper.

During the first two weeks of the drive, Summers distributed 536 steel traps to slightly more than 70 Leon County farmers and instructed them in the proper setting and use of the anti-fox implements.

H. G. Maharrey, owner of the Highland Bulb Farm near Tallahassee, was typical of the small army of irate farmers who wanted to do their bit toward fighting the rabies epidemic.

There was ample reason for Maharrey's action. Just a short time ago his pet dog, Bilbo, was bitten during a vicious 30-minute fight with a fox that ventured into Maharrey's yard at night. A later examination of the fox by the State Health Department at Jacksonville, confirmed

Leon County farmers are taking trapping lessons in an effort to wipe out an epidemic of rabid foxes.

that the animal was rabid. The dog was treated by a Tallahassee veterinarian and finally fully recovered. So, Maharrey was one of the first to seek the assistance of Wildlife Officer Summers.

He was given eight steel traps and the instruction he received from Trapper Summers was exactly the same as has been given to more than 70 other farmers.

Setting traps successfully according to Summers doesn't come from book learning—but is strictly a matter of "woods learnin'."

"You've got to be twice as smart as a fox if you ever expect to catch one in a trap," Summers declares and he is qualified to make the statement since records disclose that he accounted for a total of 248 foxes and 18 wildcats in Liberty County during a recent six-weeks trapping experiment he conducted for the Game Commission.

Most folks, Summers declares, make the error of setting fox traps in the undergrowth and thickets found in densely wooded areas.

"Using that system will never get you anything but a headache," the trapper explains. "Always pick a likely spot along a path or road. A spot where two roads cross each other or where a road is intersected by a fire break is a good place to do business."

Once Summers selects a trap location, he is careful not to disturb the natural surrounding of grass, twigs and dirt. Methodically, he places a set trap in a likely spot and then carefully covers it with loose leaves and grass. A hidden chain connects the trap to an innocent appearing tree limb which serves as a "drag" once an animal is trapped and starts fighting for freedom.

Strangely, Summers never places his salt fish bait directly in the trap. Instead, it is suspended on a foot-high sharpened stick that has been stuck in the ground approximately five inches ahead of the hidden trap.

"When the bait is put in the trap," Summers explains to the uninitiated, "a skinned nose is about the worst thing the fox will get."

Efficient trapping methods call for placing two sticks in the ground on either side of the trap—a procedure that supplies a direct route leading the fox straight over the trap and toward the baited stick.

"If he doesn't get caught walking toward the bait, then you're bound to catch him after he raises up to take the meat off of the pointed stick," Summers advises.

What's more the system worked out perfectly and in a big way at the Maharrey Farm.

Five foxes were captured in the traps there during the first night's experiments.

Summers is confident of the ultimate success of the Leon County "mad fox" drive.

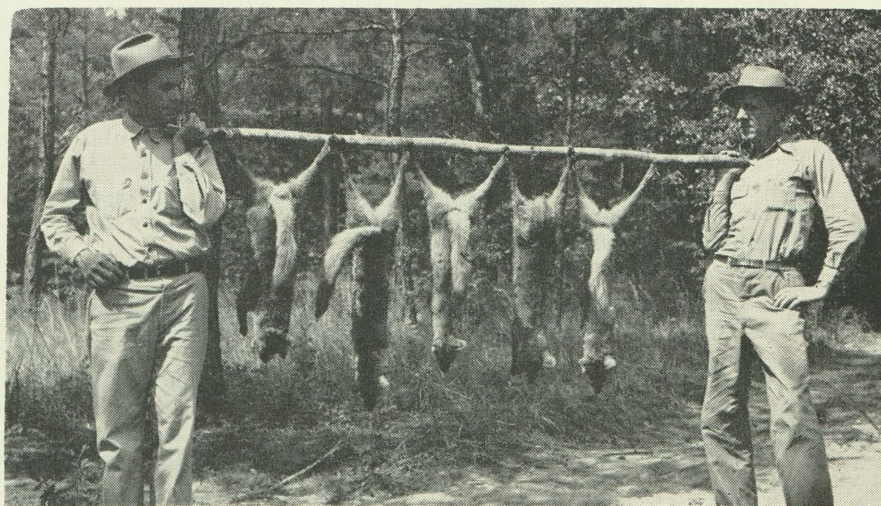
"If the farmers will set their traps exactly like I tell them to—then we'll get better than 1,000 foxes in 60 days," he prophesies.



H. G. Maharrey watches closely as Officer Summers prepares to hide the set trap.



Everything is ready for the fox. Note the salt fish suspended from a sharpened stick and the upright sticks in the foreground that supply a direct route over the trap and toward the bait.



Five foxes, captured during one night's trapping on the Maharrey Farm.

YOUR STAKE

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the congressional bill which sought to abolish this refuge. The bill was vetoed by the President. But complacency was there, complacency in the minds of those who did not keep themselves informed; or complacency which "let the other fellow" fight for the preservation of the refuge and for the black. For all Americans residing within the range of the black, a third of the continent, should have risen to its defense. Complacency again!

You heard of the flood-control program; just another chance for complacency, your complacency, to sneak in on this wildlife heritage of yours. Along a large river in the Central States a flood-control program of extensive nature was planned. By the powers that be, part of the land to be inundated was considered worthless from a wildlife standpoint. In fact, the wildlife resources were considered so valueless that at first no attempt was made at appraisal, and the sum of not over one dollar an acre was allocated to the wildlife on the land. But this was flood plain land that had originally come from the top of the soil, commencing with the earliest breaking of the land by the plow. For a hundred years little waters and little winds had carried this soil, product of centuries, to the river and the river had deposited it on the flood plains. Unsuitable to agriculture because of the rough terrain, the land became a wildlife haven. Dry in the summer, vegetation — rank, wild, food-producing vegetation — grew profusely. Flooded in the fall by the rising river, the flood plain made a natural area for thousands of waterfowl, filling their bills on the foods produced. Complacency dissipated when a wildlife research technician assessed the wildlife value of every acre of the land in question at at least 25 dollars. Had indirect and aesthetic values been capable of appraisal, the true value of the wildlife on the land would have been many times that sum.

At a Public Service Commission hearing in a small northeastern state

"a small voice" was raised against a proposed power dam. The voice presented considerable factual evidence which indicated that a valuable wall-eyed pike breeding area would be made inaccessible to the fish by the proposed dam. Complacency allowed this one to go by the board despite the vigorous protests of the "small voice". Exit wall-eyed pike.

In several of the North central states white-tailed deer have become so abundant through protection, predator control, and natural land reforestation that they are actually eating themselves out of house and home. Thousands "starve" during every hard winter piteously dying from acute malnutrition. Ex-

Did You Know-

The bones of the sea cow (mermaid or manatee) are extremely dense and heavy for the purpose of keeping the animal down so that it can browse on aquatic plants.

Some snakes have been known to live from one to two years without food by absorbing the fat of their own bodies.

The average bee is compelled to travel approximately 550 miles to make a teaspoonful of honey.

In proportion to its size, a firefly produces more light than the most powerful of man-made dynamos.

perts who know the full facts have presented the case and the known remedy publicly, but because of custom and complacency no remedial action has been taken. Instead of the public becoming aroused, instead of the public becoming informed, the time has been spent in "debate and litigation", meanwhile the deer herd irreparably damages itself and its home.

There are hundreds of examples of American indifference in wildlife matters. Note the rising wave of game law violations as reported by New York, Pennsylvania, and many other states. Complacency again, but individual complacency on a larger and larger scale, with the philosophy of "let the other fellow do it" coming to the fore.

Mark Twain once told his often borrowing neighbor that he would be pleased to have him borrow his lawnmower provided it was used only in Twain's yard. Only the application of Twain's back-yard formula can solve this tidal wave of American complacency to forces affecting the wildlife resource. For wildlife is lost on the back forty, on the east slough, in the spruce woods and along the hedge fence. Wildlife is lost through destruction of habitat, through alteration of its place of life. There is no miracle formula for conservation; conservation is the mud on your boots, the rain in your face, and the ice on your feet or sweat on your brow?

Lack of suitable small tracts of heavy cover limit pheasant abundance in the North Central states. Greatly intensified agriculture in this region is robbing the soil as well as the bird lover and hunter. Suitable black duck breeding habitat has been seriously reduced within the United States. Likewise wintering grounds and migration resting points have been made uninhabitable by drainage for agricultural purposes, pollution, silting from increased soil erosion and filling of marshlands for industrial uses. "All future drainage and destruction of marshland should be vigorously combatted unless the proposed drainage is clearly necessary to the public interest" if the black duck is to sustain its numbers. "There is no net gain for waterfowl if an acre of existing marsh is destroyed for every acre restored or created." Often the economic use to which the land is put is far less than the value of the wildlife crop already resident. Complacency in local issues in the aggregate determines the national picture. A daub of complacency here and a daub of complacency there are only spots on the national canvas, but an increasing trend presents a bleak national picture.

Complacency or action, conservation or extinction, restoration or depletion, it's in your hands now. The business of conservation is a big business. With complacency it will wither; with action it will grow.

They're BITING Here

DESPITE the coming of summer, avid Florida fishermen are enjoying angling that is even more productive and exciting than they experienced in the midst of the winter season which, according to the books, offers the year's best fishing results. Without fear, we predict a continuance of excellent fishing throughout June. Here are a few tips on where to go and what bait to use!

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY

No matter if you are looking for a stringer of black bass, warmouth perch, or speckled bream, you'll go home satisfied after spending an afternoon anywhere on Charlotte County's Prairie Creek or Shell Creek. Use shrimp or cut bait for still fishing or, if you are a rod and reel enthusiast, your favorite plug will very likely connect with plenty of meat.

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SEMINOLE COUNTY

The Wekiva River and all inland lakes are offering excellent bass fishing in Seminole County this month. Go fishing early mornings or late afternoons. Shiners are recommended for the most satisfying bait.

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OKANGE AND OSCEOLA COUNTIES

Bass are running large in Johns Lake and the Butler string of lakes. Within a recent two-weeks period, Wildlife Officer J. R. Parker checked a dozen bass that ranged from 12 to 14 pounds. In addition, there has been a steady run of bream. Plugs haven't been too successful. We recommend live bait and do your fishing early in the morning or late afternoons.

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GLADES COUNTY

Take a trip to Lake Okeechobee or Fisheating Creek and you won't go wrong if you are searching for bass or sand bream. Use live minnows or shiners and start fishing early in the morning or in the middle of the afternoon.

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DIXIE COUNTY

Bream are hitting on the lower end of the Sunwannee River in Dixie County. Start fishing on the incoming tide and use worms for bait.

ALACHUA COUNTY

Alachua County is offering a variety of angling that will send you home with a stringer containing everything from small sand bream to giant-size shellcrackers. Your luck will be all to the good if you start fishing in the Santa Fe River, Burnett's Lake or Cooter Pond. They'll take practically any bait including wigglers and grubs. You might even try your luck trolling a pork rind bait. Fishing is good all day long.

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Shellcrackers and black bass are keeping things interesting in the St. Johns River, Deep Creek and Trout Creek. Work the deep portions of the river and the edges of the creeks. Use shiners for the bass and worms for shellcrackers. You'll have the best chance early mornings or late evenings.

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PINELLAS COUNTY

If you are a bream fisherman, we recommend a trip to St. Petersburg and a visit to beautiful Lake Maggiore within the city limits. It's a safe bet that you'll get your limit if you bait up with fresh water shrimp and do your fishing in the morning or early evening.

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BREVARD COUNTY

This month hundreds of fishermen will carry away the limit of bass and bream if they wet their lines in Lake Hellin, Lake Washington or Lake Winder. Try fishing in the southern area of Lake Hellin, the north end of Lake Washington; and the north or east portions of Lake Winder. Dalton Specials or a 2000 plug have been showing good results early mornings and late in the evening. Within a month, thousands of big mouths have been taken that ranged from 8 to 12 inches in length.

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VOLUSIA COUNTY

Black bass will show you the time of your life this month in the St. Johns River, Blue Springs, Lake Dexter or the jetties of Lake George. In addition, pole fishermen are catching their just share of warmouth perch.

For the bass, use a Florida Shiner lure or an underwater River Runt.

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Fifty New Members Join Lake City Organization

LAKE CITY—Fifty new members were inducted into the Lake City Sportsmen's Club during a meeting held last month near Benton. More than 175 members attended the combination meeting and barbecue.

During the meeting the members adopted a motion by Byron Niblack which recommended that the hunting of deer and wild turkey be prohibited in southern Columbia County due to reports that Gilchrist County is having difficulty in its program to stock this wildlife. The deer and turkey, it was pointed out, cross the county line and are killed by Columbia County residents.

Over 600 Take Part In Daytona Beach Conservation Rally

DAYTONA BEACH—A record crowd of more than 600 persons met here last month when an interesting entertainment program and fish fry were staged by the Daytona Beach Wildlife Association under the direction of Dr. E. L. Thompson, the club prexy.

A trapshooting session preceded the fish fry. Outstanding entertainment features included the appearance of Joe Padderatz, armless fisherman, who thrilled the crowds with his uncanny bait casting demonstration. In addition, G. D. Smith, of this city, presented his horse "Trigger" in a number of amazing tricks. The horse is a double registered quarter horse as well as a registered palomino.

In a short talk, Director Ben C. Morgan, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, explained the "workings" of his commission.

He said that the Commission's wildlife officers are being equipped with the very best in the way of jeeps, swamp buggies, radios and air-boats for the efficient enforcement of conservation laws. The corps of wildlife officers, Morgan disclosed, has been increased to 197, a growth of 50, in the interests of conservation.

"If we can stop the game hogs and bring to the people the need of conserving, then, and only then, we'll have conservation," the Director declared. "But in this program, we need the strict cooperation of the sportsmen—and I am glad to say that sportsman cooperation is steadily increasing with us.

During his interesting talk he pointed out the absolute necessity for the state's big cattlemen and the sportsmen to arrive at a mutual understanding.

"By closer contact and a mutual understanding a system can be worked out whereby all of us can enjoy the resources of Florida's great outdoors and the cattlemen's fences and property will be fully respected," he concluded.

Alex Littlefield, chief chef at the fish fry, was assisted by J. B. Henry, Jessie James and O. G. Posey.

A bill, drafted in Lake county for presentation to the 1949 legislature, would prohibit hunting black bear except in deer season.



Spraying hyacinths on Lake Dora. This was one of the first projects inaugurated by the newly-organized Mt. Dora Fishing Club.

Mt. Dora Fishing Club Gets Off To Good Start

MOUNT DORA — Although the Mount Dora Fishing Club is the newest sportsman's organization in Florida it certainly lacks nothing in activity.

With more than 50 members on the roster, Colonel John M. Bethel has been elected president; Alvord L. Bishop is vice-president; and William M. Wells is secretary-treasurer. Wells is the present secretary of the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce.

Already the new organization is working out an active program covering hyacinth eradication and control as well as the preservation and protection of Florida's wildlife.

The Club also plans to actively sponsor and promote the Mount Dora Casting Club, an organization of youngsters that has reaped considerable statewide publicity. Indications are that the youthful casting club members soon will gain national publicity if plans succeed for having them demonstrate their casting ability in a news reel that would be exhibited in every major movie theater in the United States.

Margo Hosford, one of the charter members of the Mount Dora Fishing Club, was responsible for organizing and training all of the members of the youthful casting club.

Charles Hill, of Brooksville, killed a 150-pound bear while hunting in the Bay Port swamps.



Guests file through the chow line at the fish fry last month. The jamboree was attended by Dr. E. L. Thompson (in chef's cap) is president of the fry.

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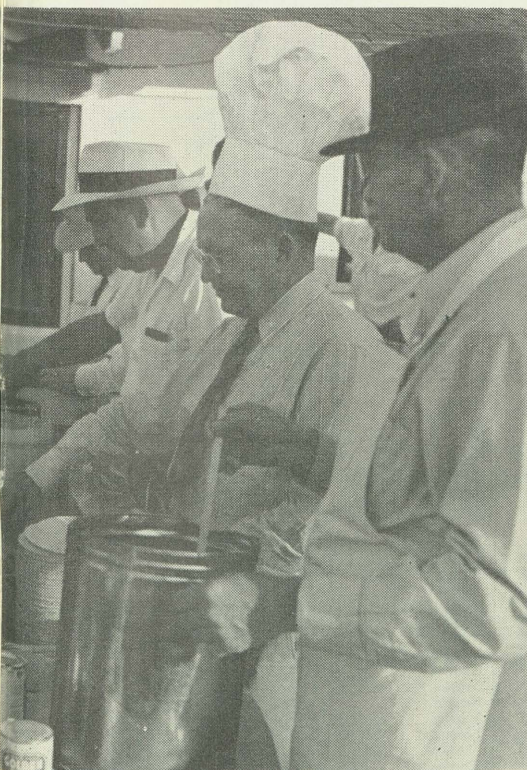
DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS

District 1	A. W. Cullis, Clearwater
District 2	S. R. Sanders, Lake City
District 3	D. R. Bowman, Tallahassee
District 4	Bill Wellman, West Palm Beach
District 5	Porter Lansing, Sanford

Daytona Beach Club Lays Plans For Big Jamboree

DAYTONA BEACH—Plans are now being made by Dr. Edward L. Thompson, president of the Daytona Beach Wildlife Association, for issuing invitations to all Florida sportsmen as well as hunters and fishermen in Georgia and Alabama to attend a huge outdoor meeting here next month. Date for the meeting has been tentatively set for July 8 and it is planned to entertain more than 2,000 people.

Ben C. Morgan, director of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission already has accepted an invitation to address the meeting.



Daytona Beach Wildlife Association's mammoth jamboree will attract more than 600 members and their families. Ben C. Morgan, director of the club, Alex Littlefield acted as chief.

DeSoto County Club Plays Host At Federation Meeting

ARCADIA—A two-day meeting and barbecue that attracted more than 400 members here from various sections of the state last month was chalked up as being the most successful get-together ever staged by the Florida Wildlife Federation.

The barbecue, supplied by Chief Wildlife Officer J. E. Albritton, was served to the multitude of hungry Federation members by a group from the DeSoto Sportsmen's Club of this city.

Addressing the membership at one of the important business sessions, Director Ben C. Morgan, State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, cited various ways in which the Federation as well as sportsmen's clubs could assist his agency.

Morgan revealed that fishing license sales exceeded \$300,000 during the last year and described in detail how the funds are being spent for restocking, new equipment, research, education and the purchasing and leasing of tracts of land to be used for future public hunting grounds.

He also described the activities of the Commission's biologists, who, he explained, are making careful surveys of the State's waters and lands with an ultimate goal of improving hunting and fishing conditions. He sought the indulgence of all club members until the current surveys are completed and the important data now being gathered by the biologists can be studied.

During another portion of the meeting, delegates representing clubs from many sections of the State advocated the adoption of uniform hunting dates this Fall throughout Florida. Many of the representatives also went on record as desiring a closed season on hen turkeys and a reduced bag limit on gobblers.

Cecil M. Webb, recently appointed First District Commissioner, spoke briefly. He offered his support and assistance to all sportsmen as well as the Federation.

During the meeting, a controversial subject was discussed—prohibiting the taking of firearms in the woods during closed seasons. Director Morgan was requested to consider such a ruling.



Chief Ed Albritton of Arcadia dishes out juicy hunks of barbecued beef to delegates and guests at the Federation's May meeting.

Caloosahatchee Group Holds Annual Barbecue

FORT MYERS — The annual barbecue dinner of the Caloosahatchee Conservation Club held here last month was one of the top events of the season. More than 300 persons motored to the ranch of Dr. Ernest Bostelman to enjoy the feast.

Barbecued beef, pork and ham done to a turn over open fires, along with French fried potatoes, beans, pickles and all the fixin's were served picnic style by the club members.

Ben C. Morgan, director of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, was the guest of honor along with many of the wildlife officers from this section. After feasting at long tables under the trees, the guests swapped yarns about hunting and fishing and discussed game prospects for the coming season.

Elmo Ballard, the club president, announced that a move to bring Lee County under forest fire protection has been adopted as his organization's top project. Already, petitions are being circulated to have the proposal submitted to the voters in the November election.

Officers elected to guide the Hardee County Conservation Club this year include: Latimer C. Farr, president; W. S. Shields, first vice-president; C. H. Taylor, Jr., second vice-president; and Dewey Whidden, secretary-treasurer.

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The yellow rail bird, a good swimmer, generally swims only at night.

GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS

Florida had 241 convictions for game and fish law violations last month. This is 51 less than the previous month's violation figure. Of the total, 110 were found guilty of fishing without a license and 48 for taking undersized fish. Fourteen persons were convicted for fishing in the 10 closed counties of Northwest Florida. The most

severe penalty passed out was a \$116.50 fine against four Dade County residents found guilty of shooting fish.

(Recently FLORIDA WILDLIFE listed the name of Odis Hinnant of Jacksonville as among the game and fish violators. The violator listed, however, was not Odis B. Hinnant, general secretary of the Jacksonville YMCA—Ed.)

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
FIRST DISTRICT				
Henry Brown, Fort Ogden	Exceeding bag limit on fish	\$25.00	Charlotte	Crews and Hines
Joe Blandin, Fort Ogden	Exceeding bag limit on fish	25.00	Charlotte	Crews and Hines
J. C. Humphries, Fort Myers	Undersized bass	20.00*	Glades	Wm. P. Cooper
Walker F. Nall, Clewiston	Undersized bass	20.00*	Glades	Wm. P. Cooper
Juanita Jinkins, Avon Park	Fishing without license	20.00*	Glades	Wm. P. Cooper
Coralie Towson, Moore Haven	Undersized bass	20.00	Glades	Joe Crews
Minnie Rewis, Tampa	Fishing without license	S.D.	Hernando	Wiggins and Beville
John Henry Carnes, Sebring	Fishing without license	10.00	Highlands	H. C. Bigbie
A. R. Morris, Sebring	Undersized bass	*	Highlands	Cribb and Bigbie
Mrs. M. P. Cleaudly, Sebring	Fishing without license	10.00	Highlands	Cribb and Bigbie
Willie Frank Davis, Avon Park	Fishing without license	10.00	Highlands	H. C. Bigbie
Lewis Freeman, Auburndale	Shooting fish	Cost	Hillsborough	E. M. White
Robert L. Cates, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
James Burnett, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
E. Sapp, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
H. C. Blount, Tampa	Fishing without license	25.00*	Pasco	Carl C. Walker
Hezekiah Montgomery, Mulberry	Fishing too many poles	Cost	Polk	D. L. Petty
L. H. Youngblood, Frostproof	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	C. E. Collins
Lock Miller, Auburndale	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	D. L. Petty
James Henderson, Bartow	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	Edward Gill
Florence Thompson, Lakeland	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	H. O. White
C. C. Shumaker, Dundee	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	C. E. Collins
Jack Yarborough, Winter Haven	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	C. E. Collins
Monroe C. Mizell, Lakeland	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	H. O. Whittle
Clarence E. Suggs, Barnesville, Ga.	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	H. O. Whittle
J. E. Hagan, Auburndale	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	H. O. Whittle
Andrew B. Adeock, Bartow	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	D. L. Petty
W. J. Ashton, Bartow	Fishing without license	Cost	Polk	C. E. Collins
Cliff Davis, Florence Villa	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	C. E. Collins
Junious Leonard, Florence Villa	Undersized bass	Cost	Polk	E. S. Sumner
Titus Leonard, Florence Villa	Undersized bass, no license	Cost	Polk	E. S. Sumner
Henry Thompson, Florence Villa	Undersized bass, no license	Cost	Polk	E. S. Sumner
SECOND DISTRICT				
Harry Smith, Miami	Fishing without license	25.00	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
Moe Smith, Alachua County	Fishing without license	Cost	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
Arnold Johnson, Purine	Fishing without license	Cost	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
Emma Lee Johnson, Purine	Fishing without license	Cost	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
P. H. Register, Carmell	Possession deer in closed season	75.00	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
G. E. Alford, Carmell	Possession deer in closed season	75.00	Alachua	Geo. C. Vaughn
Marie Stevens, Orange Lake	Selling scale fish	Cost	Alachua	Walker and Cherry
Jim Case, Lochloosa	Selling scale fish	50.00*	Alachua	Walker and Cherry
J. T. Glisson	Selling scale fish	50.00*	Alachua	Walker and Cherry
Virgil Lee Townsend, Glen St. Mary	Shooting fish	25.00*	Baker	D. A. Yarborough
Glen Johnson, MacClenny	Possession shot fish	Cost	Baker	D. A. Yarborough
Sherod Touchton, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	25.00	Baker	D. A. Yarborough
M. Y. Watson, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	Cost	Clay	Baker and Glisson
Mrs. Walter Rogers, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	Cost	Clay	Baker and Glisson
Clarence Scippo, Lake City	Hunting out of season	10.00*	Columbia	J. A. Revels
Herbert Simmons, Gilchrist County	Selling scale fish	25.00*	Gilchrist	Wilton K. Sauls
W. H. Hightower, Newberry	Fishing without license	Cost	Gilchrist	Wilton K. Sauls
Will Thomas, Branford	Fishing without license	10.00	Lafayette	B. J. Walker
R. H. Pinson, Live Oak	Fishing without license	15.00	Lafayette	B. F. Folsom
Mrs. R. H. Pinson, Live Oak	Fishing without license	S.D.	Lafayette	B. F. Folsom
Clara Johnson, Chiefland	Undersized bass	10.00	Levy	Fred Kirkland
Ruby J. Barber, Gainesville	Fishing without license	Cost	Levy	J. J. Clary
J. V. Barber, Gainesville	Fishing without license	Cost	Levy	J. J. Clary
T. J. Beck, Chiefland	Possession alligator hide in closed season	Cost	Bronson	J. J. Clary
Flossie M. Jones, Dunnellon	Undersized bass	10.00	Levy	J. J. Clary
Roy Durrance	Undersized bass	Cost	Levy	Kirkland and Arline
Fleet Williams, Archer	Undersized bass	Cost	Levy	Clary and Arline
J. C. Lewis, Greenville	Fishing without license	20.00	Madison	Cherry and Hendry
E. J. Jordan, Fort George, Georgia	Fishing without license	15.00*	Nassau	Carl J. Jones
J. F. Higgs, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	15.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Lee Burnside, Glen St. Mary	Fishing without license	25.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
William L. Lee, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	15.00*	Nassau	C. T. Jones
James Green, Milan	Fishing without license	25.00*	Nassau	H. A. Stokes
Mrs. J. J. Mote, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Cleveland Curl, Savannah, Georgia	Fishing without license	15.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Wah Eng, Jacksonville	Exceeding bag limit on fish	20.00*	Nassau	C. T. Jones
Mrs. M. A. Kicklighter, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	Max Akin
Pearl Johnson, Jacksonville	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	Max Akin
Johnnie Solomon, Baldwin	Fishing without license	15.00*	Nassau	H. A. Stokes
Tillman Whitehead, Baldwin	Fishing without license	25.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. J. P. McEbreath, Callahan	Fishing without license	25.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. C. W. Owens, Jr., Callahan	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
W. D. Spradley, Callahan	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. Ilene Bartow, Callahan	Fishing without license	25.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Mrs. J. E. Farmer, Callahan	Fishing without license	20.00*	Nassau	L. A. Stokes
Geo. E. Blackmon, Yulee	Undersized bass	15.00*	Nassau	Carl T. Jones
L. D. Foss, O'Brien	Fishing with a net	Cost	Suwannee	M. C. Sikes
Geo. Farmer, Perry	Fishing without license	Cost	Taylor	J. O. McMullen
O. O. Harrell, New River	Fishing without license	15.00*	Union	M. L. Johns

* Bond forfeited.

† Suspended sentence.

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GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS—(Continued)

Name of Violator	Violation	Fine	County	Arresting Officer
Lillie Mae Johnson, Lake City	Fishing without license	15.00*	Union	Milton R. Dukes
Dora Lee Bell, Lake City	Fishing without license	15.00*	Union	Milton R. Dukes
Lucille Hawkins, Lake City	Fishing without license	15.00*	Union	Milton R. Dukes
Tom Smith, Jacksonville	Shooting fish	15.00*	Union	M. L. Johns
THIRD DISTRICT				
D. V. Hort, Cantonment	Fishing without license	15.50*	Escambia	B. W. Lee
T. R. King, Pensacola	Fishing without license	15.50	Escambia	M. H. McCoy
Lillie Wade, Faceville, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Gadsden	Rhodus N. Hill
Wade Faircloth, Faceville, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Gadsden	Rhodus N. Hill
Amos Wade, Faceville, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Gadsden	George V. Atkinson
George Baird, Bainbridge, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Gadsden	George V. Atkinson
George Attaway, White City	Fishing in closed season	Cost	Gulf	H. O. Pridgeon
Cage Attaway, White City	Fishing in closed season	Cost	Gulf	H. O. Pridgeon
Howard Garland, Port St. Joe	Fishing in closed season	25.00*	Gulf	Allen Legrone
Dick Willis, Port St. Joe	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Gulf	Allen Legrone
James Squaw, Port St. Joe	Fishing in closed season	25.00*	Gulf	Allen Legrone
William Cooley, Westville	Fishing with wire trap	Cost	Holmes	R. K. Henderson
Dewey Braxton, Westville	Fishing with wire trap	Cost	Holmes	Irvin B. Spense
Richard Calhoun, Dothan, Alabama	Undersized bass	Cost	Jackson	F. J. Chambliss
Travis Enfinger, Dothan, Alabama	Fishing with improper license	Cost	Jackson	J. M. Atkins
Tillman Brown, Tallahassee	Unlawfully striking fish	25.00	Leon	J. H. Harrison
A. R. Robinson, Tallahassee	Gun plug to four capacity	25.00*	Leon	George Scruggs
D. W. Stoutamire, Tallahassee	Illegal use of wire basket in closed season	25.00	Leon	Conoley and Harrison
H. F. Linton, Tallahassee	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Leon	J. H. Harrison
Mrs. Elsie Mullis, Tallahassee	Fishing in closed season	25.00	Leon	J. H. Harrison
H. E. Durden, Wilma	Possession wire baskets	Cost	Liberty	Chester and Summers
Randell Arnett, Crestview	Fishing without license	10.00**	Okaloosa	E. E. Whidden
Karl F. Aepli, Pensacola	Fishing without license	22.50*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Claudia Lee Cox, Pensacola	Fishing without license	22.50*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Edd Lee, Ensley	Fishing without license	18.75*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Fred Cox, Pensacola	Fishing without license	22.50*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
James D. Smith, Pensacola	Fishing without license	22.50*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
E. McKinley, Pensacola	Fishing without license	22.50*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Allen D. Scott, Selma, Alabama	Fishing without license	Cost	Santa Rosa	B. W. Lee
Roy Arnold Kyser, Pensacola	Fishing without license	12.00*	Santa Rosa	M. H. McCoy
Clearance Crauey, Pensacola	Fishing without license	12.00*	Santa Rosa	M. H. McCoy
Paul Brohord, Pensacola	Fishing without license	20.00*	Santa Rosa	Stewart, Lee, and Stokes
Marie Brohord, Pensacola	Fishing without license	Buy license	Santa Rosa	Stewart, Lee, and Stokes
J. T. Smith, Brownsville	Fishing without license	20.00*	Santa Rosa	Stewart, Lee, and Stokes
A. F. Kelley, Jr., Pensacola	Fishing without license	12.00*	Santa Rosa	A. D. Livingston
Rube Cullifer, Columbus, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	35.00	Wakulla	O. L. Vause
Buren W. Frazier, Columbus, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	35.00	Wakulla	O. L. Vause
J. W. Turner, Columbus, Georgia	Fishing in closed season	35.00	Wakulla	O. L. Vause
Beatrice Finch, Fountain	Taking undersized bass	Cost	Washington	McDonald and Boyd
FOURTH DISTRICT				
James Walden, Miami	Possession undersize bass	30.00	Broward	John W. May
William Downs, Miami	Fishing without license	14.70	Broward	John W. May
Thomas E. Clark, Miami	Taking undersized bass	20.00**	Broward	John W. May
Eliza Slade, Fort Lauderdale	Taking undersized bass	20.00**	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Frank Swaford, Miami	Fishing without license	20.00**	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Frank Warmath, Hymboldt, Tennessee	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Sam Baker, Fort Lauderdale	Over bag limit on bass and taking undersized bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Harold G. Parker, Humboldt, Tennessee	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Norman W. Singleton, Hallandale	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	**	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Rosa Lee Small, Fort Lauderdale	Possession undersize bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Columbus Martin, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bass; possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
John E. Parrish, Fort Lauderdale	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Margie Birch, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Leon S. Hall, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 84	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
John Baker, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bass; possession undersize bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Willie James Hill, Miami	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
F. D. Smith, Fort Lauderdale	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Louis Taylor, Pompano	Discharging firearms on State Road No. 25	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Ed. F. Oneal, Miami	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Ed. Fijalkowski, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Wm. H. Fashow, Delray Beach	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
R. S. Rhodes, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
A. B. Mulkey, Miami	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Lonnie McDaniel, Dania	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
Charlie McGee, Miami	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
E. J. Turnquist, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	L. P. Harvey
George W. Cotton, Fort Lauderdale	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	L. P. Harvey
L. G. Hodgson, Miami	Shooting on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Robert Sievers, Miami	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Guo Wilcox, Miami	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
William Hightower, Delray Beach	Shooting on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
William Robinson, Delray Beach	Exceeding bag limit on bass	Cost	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Silas L. Smith, Miami	Exceeding bag limit on bream	30.05	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Elliot Washington, Fort Lauderdale	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Willie J. Risby, Coconut Grove	Possession undersized bass	30.05	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Lee Mitchel, Miami	Fishing without license	14.75	Broward	L. P. Harvey
J. C. Coleman, Miami	Possession undersized bass	Cost	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Frank Blue, Pompano	Exceeding bag limit on bass	55.05	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Frank Blue, Pompano	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Walter Gillis, Pompano	Possession undersized bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
John Telfair, Jr., Pompano	Shooting on State Road No. 25	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Olsie Colston, Miami	Possession undersize bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
Marie Monroe, Fort Lauderdale	Possession undersize bass	20.00	Broward	L. P. Harvey
C. C. Eklund, Miami	Possession undersized bass; fishing without license	20.00	Broward	I. R. Giddens
George Koop, Miami	Discharging firearms on Highway No. 94	15.00	Dade	James P. Johnson
J. E. Rose, Miami	Discharging firearms on Highway No. 94	15.00	Dade	James P. Johnson
Herman Welch, Kendall	Shooting fish	116.25	Dade	L. E. Bunnell
Dallas A. McCall, Miami	Shooting fish	116.25	Dade	L. E. Bunnell

* Bond forfeited

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S.D. Sentence deferred

GAME and FISH VIOLATIONS—(Continued)

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Bill Boyette, Miami.	Shooting fish.	116.25	Dade.	L. E. Bunnell
J. Hollis Varner, Miami.	Shooting fish.	116.25	Dade.	L. E. Bunnell
Melvin McNeal, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	James P. Johnson
Willie Johnson, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.		Dade.	James P. Johnson
Roy W. Bentley, Coconut Grove.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	James P. Johnson
W. B. Knight, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	G. M. Cooper
Raymond L. Betts, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	L. E. Bunnell
A. V. Ross, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	L. E. Bunnell
Dick Doyle, Miami.	Shooting on State Road No. 94.	15.00	Dade.	L. E. Bunnell and W. J. Newton
John Ruvis, II, Lake Worth.	Gun in Game Refuge.	25.00*	Martin.	Merritt and Hartman
William Talley, Salerno.	Exceeding bag limit on bream.	25.00	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
Jim Hunter, Salerno.	Exceeding bag limit on bream.	25.00	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
D. U. Richards, West Palm Beach.	Fishing without license.	25.00*	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
Lon Williams, Stuart.	Possession undersized bass.	25.00*	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
Sam Glover, Hobe Sound.	Gun in Game Refuge.	25.00*	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
Thomas Franklin, Hobe Sound.	Gun in Game Refuge.	25.00*	Martin.	R. R. Merritt
W. T. Jones, West Palm Beach.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	Martin.	Merritt and Hartman
Leo A. Kusehd, West Palm Beach.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	Martin.	Merritt and Hartman
George Mayer, Youngstown, Ohio.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	Palm Beach.	Vernon W. Hays
Andrew Monroe, West Palm Beach.	Possession unda.size bass.	15.00	Palm Beach.	Hartman and Lanier
FIFTH DISTRICT				
T. W. Greene, Melbourne.	Possession undersize bass.	Cost	Brevard.	L. A. Tindall
Ned E. Belford, Orlando.	Fishing without license.	25.00	Brevard.	Cecil Nicholson
Thelma Rand, Orlando.	Fishing without license.	25.00	Brevard.	Cecil Nicholson
John N. Lundy, Orlando.	Fishing without license.	25.00	Brevard.	Cecil Nicholson
Major Dumps, Orlando.	Fishing without license.	25.00	Brevard.	Cecil Nicholson
V. E. Mikell, Palatka.	Fishing without license.	Cost	Flagler.	J. O. Buckles
Harold L. Russell, Ocala.	Possession undersize bass.	15.00	Marion.	D. C. Land
Odell Sheppard, Ocala.	Possession undersize bass.	15.00	Marion.	D. C. Land
Dal Wilson, Winter Park.	Possession undersize bass.	25.00	Orange.	J. D. Warren
Paul E. Davis, Orlando.	Possession undersize bass.	25.00	Orange.	Finley and Welch
Philip Cash, Jr., Crescent City.	Hunting in closed season.	Cost	Putnam.	T. R. Sweat
Edward T. Watson, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	25.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
P. W. Norris, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
Mrs. Claude Norris, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
F. E. Baggett, Yukon.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Mrs. Frank M. Geiger, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	S. C. Collier
Chester B. Broderson, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
L. N. McClelland, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	25.00	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
Whillie E. Peterson, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
Kenneth C. Rabenold, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
R. W. Bailey, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Howard N. Jackson, Palatka.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	Pacetti and Pappy
James E. Beach, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
J. F. Lee, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Sam Baldwin, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Robert Mathis, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
D. K. Flesher, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00*	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
George W. Fero, Orange Park.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
Garland P. Vickers, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	25.00	St. Johns.	S. C. Collier
Claude B. Norris, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00	St. Johns.	Alvin Pacetti
Harold W. Hooks, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Jesse Lee Andrews, Jr., Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Robert Lee Richardson, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Royce Wilkes, Jacksonville.	Possession undersize bass.	25.00	St. Johns.	S. C. Collier
Frank Allen, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Willie M. Cooner, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	20.00	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
Robert Norton, Hastings.	Shooting fish.	50.00	St. Johns.	Pappy and Pacetti
Robert Lindsay, Jacksonville.	Fishing without license.	15.00*	St. Johns.	E. W. Pappy
W. L. Bohanon, Sanford.	Fishing without license.	S.D.	Seminole.	J. D. Warren
J. L. Estridge, Geneva.	Fishing without license.	Cost	Seminole.	Burfield and Johns
Leroy Simmons, Winter Garden.	Exceeding bag limit on fish.	Cost	Volusia.	M. P. Thompson
Cloxe Mae Hall, Winter Garden.	Exceeding bag limit on fish.	Costs	Volusia.	M. P. Thompson
Maryloo Muxcell, Winter Garden.	Exceeding bag limit on fish.	Costs	Volusia.	M. P. Thompson
James N. Auxier, Deland.	Fishing in Game Preserve.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton
Michael Linkovich, Spring Garden.	Fishing in game preserve.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton
John Flowers, Deland.	Fishing in breeding ground.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton
Paul Winslow, Deland.	Fishing in breeding ground.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton
Geo. F. Cameron, Daytona Beach.	Possession undersize bass.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton
Patrick I. Monahan, Daytona Beach.	Possession undersize bass.	Costs	Volusia.	Lungren and Clifton

* Bond forfeited

† Suspended sentence

S.D. Sentence deferred

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Making and completely wrapping a casting rod unassisted was placed on Joe's agenda as the No. 1 problem to master. Three years passed before he was satisfied with his workmanship. Today, it's no task at all for him to wrap rods from start to finish, including an expert job of concealing the ends of the wrapping twine and the feat of accurately set-

ting the guides—a job that causes a lot of us two-handed rod-makers plenty of grief.

Wrapping rods, however, is but a single item in his long list of fishing accomplishments. Watching him bait a hook with a live shrimp, for instance, is little short of spell-binding. Somewhat apologetically, he'll tell you that it took him two years to completely master the art!

Early in his fishing experience, he built a 12-foot rowboat with timber he sawed out unassisted. Enthused with the results, he next constructed a 32-foot cruiser and operated it himself on the Halifax River.

GOING fishing with Joe is quite an experience—he insists on doing all the detail work himself including securing his outboard motor to the stern of his rowboat,

starting the motor, selecting the hooks and line from his tackle box and even baiting the hook.

"What would I do if you weren't with me?" he asked after politely but firmly rejecting your offer to start his cranky outboard.

Joe uses an ordinary reel with a star drag for his casting. He makes you slightly ashamed of your own erratic casting when, time after time, he tosses the cork outward from 75 to 85 yards with no apparent effort, and reels in choice fish with the end of his stubby right arm. The best fishing he ever had, Joe tells you between casts, was the afternoon when he caught 37 sea bass that tipped the scales at 370 pounds.

But don't get the mistaken idea that Joe's accomplishments are limited to catching fish. Not by a long shot!

He accurately fires a .38 caliber revolver from his right hip; cut out all of the lumber that went into the making of his neat, five-room cottage; deftly signs his name to bank checks; lights his own cigarettes; and ties his left shoestring. So far, Joe has been unable to master the right side shoestring. But give him a year and he'll be tying that one too!

He spat with disgust when we asked him why he hasn't tried using artificial arms instead of relying solely on his stubs.

"Artificial arms," he asserted, "are like harnessing a jackass — they're just a damn nuisance."

There's no doubt that Joe Paderatz is a remarkable man, endowed with remarkable perseverance—his accomplishments are the proof.

But Joe disagrees.

"Just credit Florida fishing for everything I have done—it sure straightened me out," he insists.

Officials of the Palmer-Wellcot Tool Company, of Meadville, Pa., have announced that all of their employees will be given a one-day with pay vacation when the state's deer season opens next winter.

Jack Holder, Henry Holder and J. B. Plant, Jr., all of Miami, were stranded in the wilds of the Everglades for seven nights recently when their swamp buggy broke down.



I HAD a right hard time gettin' around to see the boys and girls that took advantage of the ideal fishin' conditions last month on account of my old jalopy kinda gave up the ghost and plumb refused to run. That was aggravatin' enough—but darned if it didn't take two little old sparrows to add insult to injury. While I was runnin' my legs off tryin' to buy a part for my old automobile, I'll be doggoned if those snippy birds didn't pick out the glove compartment in the car for a place to set up housekeeping! I haven't got the new part for the jalopy yet but I've got somethin' else—they're three little baby birds a-chipin in the glove compartment and it begins to look like Ma Witherspoon will have to take Mamma and Papa Sparrow and their three pin-featherin' children along with her the next time she drives to town to do her regular Saturday shoppin'....

At least two man-sized wildcats have been put in a place where they won't be botherin' little pigs and chickens in the future accordin' to some letters I just received. One of 'em, a 25-pounder, made the mistake of stickin' his foot in a steel trap that L. P. DeWolf set behind his home at Eagle Crest. The capturer and the captured had their picture in an edition of the Crescent City Journal. Then over in Marianna, C. J. Pippen used the shotgun routine to kill one that tipped the scales at 26½ pounds and he rated a mighty nice story in the Jackson County Floridan....

All the folks in the Volusia County Welfare Home at DeLand had a big fish dinner a couple weeks ago and they didn't even have to go fishin' to get it! It all happened when Wildlife Officer Maxie Thompson ran across an angler that was totin' a string of 53 warmouth perch which was exactly 33 over the bag limit. To make a long story short, Thompson confiscated the fish—the angler paid a \$20 fine—and the folks at the Welfare home enjoyed a darn good fish dinner....

Shirley Brownell, eight-years-old, got an easy fish dinner too but she got it different than the folks did over at DeLand. Shirley's little but she's a dyed-in-the-wool fisherman and she just couldn't resist wettin' a line on her way to school when the mackerel were runnin' plenty good. Time was short for Shirley, so she only fished 15 minutes. Then, runnin' home as fast as she could, she delivered 10 nice fat mackerel and arrived at school just in time to beat the tardy bell....

Years ago the Evening Independent publisher became the No. 1 Florida booster when he agreed to give his newspaper away free every day the sun failed to shine at St. Petersburg. Now, Edgar John Phillips, manager of Rainbow Springs has come out with an offer that should put him right in the runnin' as one of the State's foremost boosters too. He's agreed to give away free meals at the Springs eatin' place every day the thermometer gets above 85 degrees. If I have any kind of luck, someday it will be rainin' in St. Petersburg and cold at Rainbow Springs—that's when Ma Witherspoon and I will put our feet under Manager Phillips table and read a free newspaper while the cooks are preparin' a free meal....



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SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS



WHEN the **Pinellas Conservation Club**, of Clearwater, staged its second annual "fishing jamboree" last month at Lake Butler it rated more newspaper and radio publicity throughout the county than any event in many a moon. The affair proved so successful that it already has been rated a "must" on the organization's future calendar.

Nearly 500 sportsmen were attracted to the Jamboree that continued all day and ended with one of the most pretentious "feeds" ever staged in Pinellas County.

More than 40 prizes, ranging from a Johnson Sea Horse outboard motor to 10 round-trip tickets from Clearwater to Tampa on the Gulf Coast Motor Lines, were awarded to the top-notch anglers who competed in the day-long fishing contest.

Johnny Meadows served as chairman of the event and received many compliments for his success in staging the club's jamboree.



Under the direction of **J. Paxton Hill**, the **Highlands County Fish and Game Club's** current fishing and lying contest is attracting a record number of participants.

So far, **Charles A. Gay's** 11 1/4-pound bass stands as the largest entered in the interesting contest. The fish was caught in Tulane Lake with a top water frog lure.

Second place is currently held by **Nicholas Eismont** with a 9 1/2-pound bass he captured in Brentwood Lake with a Heddon River Runt.

Roy Taylor is in third place with a bass tipping the scales at 8 pounds, 10 ounces. The fish was caught in Lake Jackson with a Johnson Spoon.

The largest gar entered in the contest weighs 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was caught by **John R. Smith** in the Kissimmee River.



Members of the **Hendry County Fish and Game Association** recently banded together to save thousands of game fish that had become isolated in pot holes and separated bodies of water. The club records disclose that the clubmen succeeded in saving 4,700

pounds of game fish along with destroying an estimated 10,000 pounds of rough fish.



The **Alachua County Sportsmen's Association** closed a successful fishing tournament last month when prizes were awarded to the winners at a barbecue attended by more than 200 guests at Archer. It was the club's biggest meeting in history and more than 40 new members were signed during the celebration.

Frank Philpot took top honors in the bass division with a 9-pound, 14-ounce catch. He was awarded a rod and reel.

Dr. U. S. Gordon received a stringer and two baits for catching a one-pound, two-ounce warmouth perch.

Duke Truby topped the speckled perch class. He was awarded a line and two baits for his two-pound, two-ounce catch.

Milton Baxley, newly appointed member of the **State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission**, was introduced at the meeting and spoke briefly.



D. R. Bowman, of Pensacola, last month resigned as president of the **Pensacola Anglers and Hunters Club** due to the fact that he moved to Tallahassee where he has entered business. He has been succeeded by **A. E. Swift**, former vice-president of the organization.

The club is now affiliated with the **Florida Wildlife Federation** and plans now under consideration guarantee an active summer program for all members. The organization will stage a mid-summer fishing rodeo and interest already being shown in the event promises to make it an outstanding affair.

Comdr. W. R. Parker, chairman of the club's quail propagation committee, has been traveling extensively over West Florida gathering data on the latest methods of quail culture. A program for obtaining and planting the latest in recognized quail food has been drafted and will soon be ready to carry out in various sections of Escambia County.



This striking albino deer, believed to be the largest in captivity, is owned by E. M. Brady of Eustis. Now 10 years old, it was raised on Brady's Pioneer Ranch near East Rochester, Ohio.

Government Spokesman Predicts Less Wildlife For Forest Preserves

Hunting and fishing demands upon the 152 national forests of the United States have increased more rapidly since the war than the supply of fish and game, says Lloyd W. Swift, of the U. S. Forest Service. Records show that 4,650,000 sportsmen hunted or fished on national forests last year compared to the pre-war high of 3,540,000 in 1941.

This situation, Swift reports, is causing growing concern to state and federal wildlife administrators who cooperate in attempting to supply as much game as the lands will support. The state game departments are responsible for the restoration and management of resident wildlife and the Forest Service for management of the habitat.

"If the present trend toward more hunting and fishing on these lands continues, and there is every indication that this will be the case for some time," Swift stated, "it may not be long before, in some areas, the supply of game on the national forests will be insufficient to meet sportsmen demands."

In certain local forest areas, however, both in the east as well as the western states, there are too many big game animals and the large herds actually are impairing the range and their own future.

St. Johns Tourney Open To Black Bass This Year

ST. AUGUSTINE—Sponsored by the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, the Fifth Annual St. Johns County Fishing Tournament was launched here last month and will continue through October 1.

The six species of fish eligible are sailfish, tarpon, channel bass, sheephead, and whiting. Black bass is the only fresh water fish eligible this year.

Bass must be caught on line not exceeding 20-lb. test or 6 thread.

Only fish caught in St. Johns or Flagler County waters are eligible in the salt water division, but black bass caught anywhere in Florida may be entered.

This year, in addition to the usual valuable trophies and prizes, a gold-plated rod will be presented to the angler who, in the opinion of the contest judges, enters the most outstanding catch.

LICENSES ON SALE

New 1948-49 fishing licenses are now on sale throughout the state. However, they will not be valid until July 1.

Under state law all fresh water anglers between the ages of 15 and 65 who fish with rod-and-reel, or fish outside their home county must have a license. Out-of-state fishermen must have a special non-resident license.

Scale Fish Unharmful By Baited Traps, Says Fisheries Man

The operation of commercial catfish traps and baited pound nets on the St. Johns River apparently has "little or no effect" on the river's supply of game fish, according to John F. Dequigne, chief fisheries biologist for the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

In a report to the commission, Dequigne said there was "no evidence that any appreciable amount of game fish" could be taken in traps and pound nets. His report was based on a 90-day experiment conducted on the river by Biologist Lynn Hutchens.

Dequigne said that out of nearly 11,000 pounds of fish taken in the experimental nets and traps only 600 pounds was game fish. These were bream and crappie. Only one bass was taken during the entire operation, he said. All game fish, he added, were returned to the water "with a total loss of three small bream."

Fifty wire traps and five pound nets were used in the experiment.

Dequigne said the study had also indicated that the use of game fish for commercial bait was both "impracticable and unprofitable." Traps baited with cut bream and crappie, he said, brought in less than one-fiftieth the poundage netted by the usual rough-fish bait.

Latest research shows that white bass die of old age in three years.



This is proof that fishing is good in the St. Johns River in Volusia county. J. E. Turner, left, and E. H. Hickok, both of DeLand, are shown with eight beauties they hooked during a trip to Crow's Bluff.



This prize-winning string of bass was taken by Jimmie Knox (left) and his father, J. M. Knox (right), from Lake O'Berry in Pasco County. The 16 fish, taken in less than four hours, totaled 117 pounds. Six of the big-mouth beauties weighed over 10 pounds, the largest tipping the scales at 12 pounds 6 ounces. The catches were made with a Dalton Special and a Pflueger Chum Spoon.

Tagging Program May Determine Bream Take On West Florida Body

The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has tagged several hundred fish in the Dead Lakes in an attempt to determine what percentage of its bluegill and shellcracker crop is taken by sports fishermen.

John F. Dequine, the agency's chief fisheries biologist, said a commission crew worked all one week netting and tagging fish in the lake.

The lake, closed for two months, was reopened June 1.

Dequine urged fishermen to send in all tags, giving the length and weight of the catch and the date and location caught.

This information, he said, will give the commission valuable data not only on the percentage of fish caught by hook-and-line, but on their growth and migration habits as well.

The fish are tagged with small metal clamps attached to the upper jaw. Each tag carries a number and the symbol "FLA" or "RTN FLA GAME COMM."

Only 396 fishing licenses were sold in Volusia county in March as compared with 582 the previous month.

Posting of State Land Not Legal, Says Morgan

Ben C. Morgan, director of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, charged last month that "several" leases of state-owned grazing land are closing their properties to hunters and fishermen without authority.

Morgan cited a letter he received from Sinclair Wells, land agent for the State Department of Agriculture which said, "the records do not show that the State has in existence any lease on it's hunting and fishing rights on any State property and all recent grazing leases have a clause to the effect that no exclusive right is given for hunting or fishing on the property involved."

Morgan said he had sought the information from Wells after "numerous" sportsmen in Central and South Florida complained to him that they were being excluded from grazing areas that had been leased from the State.

Ray Waters, Sebring mail carrier, hooked and landed a 10-pound 6-ounce bass last month at Lake Charlotte.

St. Petersburg police were called recently to remove an eight-foot alligator that was found fast asleep beneath a cottage within the city limits.

Meeting Called to Discuss Net Ban, Set Hunting Dates

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission will meet in Tallahassee June 21 to set dates and regulations for the 1948-49 hunting season.

Director Ben C. Morgan said the agency "hopes" to establish more uniform hunting regulations this year. He added, however, that it all depends on "whether or not sportsmen in the various districts can get together on their requests."

"All the sportsmen," he said, "seem to want a statewide season—provided its the season they request for their district."

The commission will fix dates for the shooting of deer, turkey, quail, and squirrel.

At a meeting the following day the commission will consider closing Lake Okeechobee to commercial catfishing.

For several months Okeechobee fishermen have been allowed to use baited pound nets and wire traps for taking catfish only. Morgan said, however, refusal of some of the netters to follow regulations may result in closing the lake to all commercial fishing.

STICKS AND STONES

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it. So if you don't mind I would like to receive FLORIDA WILDLIFE regularly from now on.

W. C. HARTLINE.

Sanford.

BOUQUETS

Dear Sir:

Again we compliment you for the splendid work which you are accomplishing in the editing of FLORIDA WILDLIFE which is published monthly by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

We are pleased with the entire April issue, but particularly so with the lead article by Coleman Newman entitled "Florida's Big Game" which features the Sambar deer—the most exotic species of big game in North America. Keep up the good work.

H. S. Newins, Director
College of Agriculture
University of Florida
Gainesville

Albert Jones and Dick Sauls, two rod and reelers, caught and released 110 bass and perch one day last month while fishing in the Everglades near Hollywood.

DEER SEASON A FLOP

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rumors of this nature. Tell her to call Public Works."

Curse Miss Bunny, he thought. The interruption—but wait. Bunny. Bunny rabbits. He hadn't seen a rabbit for some time. Quickly jotting down a tentative headline, RABBITS EXTINCT, he put in another call to the Conservation Department, but on second thought decided it might be better to let his secretary handle this one. She reported in due time that the Department admitted a serious shortage through the northern states not only of rabbits, but of pheasants as well, although surely Mr. Blast must know that the situation was considerably improved over last year. However, the Department was still very disturbed about it. They honestly didn't know the cause, she said, unless maybe it was the weather, but they were trying to find out.

"Excellent," roared Mr. Blast, sensing an opportunity to strike a real blow for conservation. "Now we're getting somewhere. We've got 'em over the proverbial barrel. They're fresh out of rabbits."

Turning to his work with renewed vigor, Mr. Blast added a provocative and humorous note to his title: RABBITS EXTINCT? BOYS IN ALBANY SAY BUNNIES CAUGHT COLD. EVER HEAR A RABBIT SNEEZE? But before he went on to write the text of this story Mr. Blast, who had the interests of the public close to his heart and who was a civic leader of no mean proportions, jotted down a few notes for extracurricular activities:

"Rabbit shortage. Must organize public opinion in view of. Mass demonstrations against incompetence and bureaucracy in Albany. Torchlight parades (crowds chanting 'We want rabbits'). Delegation to Albany? Blast to lead?"

So great were the possibilities, and so vital the cause of conservation, that Mr. Blast felt it would be wise to step out for a little refreshment before settling down to work. In the afternoon he would finish off the rabbits. He might even get around to the pheasant problem.

Dr. H. Mason Smith, of Tampa, hit the jackpot at Hernando last month when he landed a black bass weighing 16 pounds, 1 ounce.



Jim Horton (above) didn't take all these bass by himself, but he did get several of the biggest ones. They were taken from Lake George.

Officer Warns Against Rescuing 'Lost' Fawns

A group of Seminole County sportsmen who picked up a tiny fawn wandering alone in the woods recently got a severe lecture from the prosecuting attorney for their trouble.

Thinking the animal was motherless they took it home, only to find out they had violated the law. Wildlife Officer J. D. Warren and the county prosecutor gave them a stern lecture against befriending fawns found without their mothers.

Deer, Warren pointed out, almost never leave their young.

Officer Warren and the "lost" fawn.



Pound Nets, Traps Ok'd In Okeechobee And St. Johns River

The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has authorized the supervised use of pound nets and baited traps for taking catfish, eels, rough fish and turtles on the St. Johns River and Lake Okeechobee.

Permission also was granted for using herring and shad seines on designated beds in the St. Johns River during legal open seasons.

State Representative Bill Hendry, of Okeechobee, and O. H. Morris, Welaka, who represented the fishing interests at the meeting estimated that the Commission's new ruling would "result in putting more than 600 fishermen back to work" in the two affected areas.

Asserting that the ruling was granted for an "indefinite period to conduct scientific studies," the Commission specified that all game fish caught in nets or traps are to be "returned immediately and unharmed" to the water.

Special permits for operating the fishing equipment will be issued by Director Ben C. Morgan after applications have been approved by the district commissioner. Any "cheating" on the part of commercial fishermen, it was pointed out, will result in permit revocation for 18 months.

The agency's law enforcement officers and biologists will be authorized to inspect traps and nets at any time.

During the meeting, the Commission also tentatively approved the proposed \$1,474,055 1948-49 budget. Of this amount, \$853,500 has been earmarked for law enforcement.

Alligator Closed Season Extended Through June

Director Ben C. Morgan, State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, recently reminded hunters that the State's annual closed season on alligators has been extended this year to include the month of June.

"Scores of inquiries now being received indicate that many hunters are unaware that the Commission, at a meeting early this year, extended the protective season a full month," Morgan said.

Under the new ruling, the closed season is effective from March through June. Previously the protective period covered only March, April and May.

The State of Florida ranks third in the nation for poundage of fresh water fish caught—yet it ranks 26th in revenue from licenses.



This string of 56 shellcrackers (count 'em) was taken from Lake Griffin when R. B. Campbell and J. O. Dean, of Tavares, went on a two-day fishing jaunt near Treasure Island.

Tons of Stranded Fish Saved In South Florida

State Wildlife officers have rescued approximately 750,000 pounds of game fish stranded in shallow ditches and pot-holes in 10 South Florida counties during the past two months.

The fish, mostly bream and bass, were taken by nets and transported in barrels of ice water to deep-water lakes and streams in the area. Full-time fish rescue crews have been working in DeSoto, Charlotte, Manatee, Sarasota, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, Broward and Collier counties. The fish were left stranded by receding waters from last September floods.

In addition to saving game fish, the crews have destroyed an estimated 50 tons of mudfish, garfish and other predatory species.

Rescue operations have been carried out under the direction of J. E. Albritton, chief wildlife officer of the First District, and Curtis E. Wright, Fourth District chief.

LICENSE SALES JUMP

Hunting and fishing have gained in popularity throughout Pinellas county says John C. Brown, license department head. Brown disclosed that licenses totaling \$3,272.75 in period in 1946, licenses totaled only were sold during December. During a similar period in 1946, licenses totaled only \$2,112.

During December 1947, the office issued 519 hunting and 277 fishing licenses as compared with 287 hunting and 179 fishing licenses during the same period in 1946.

Tagged Fish Bring Prizes To Mount Dora Fishermen

MOUNT DORA—Chris Jacobson, Jr., is the champ fisherman in this area as far as the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce is concerned. Chris has turned in three of the tagged bass put out by the Fish and Game Commission in Lakes Dora and Beauclair.

Other tagged fish were turned in by Harry E. Fuller and C. C. Brinker.

Each of the fishermen received new plugs as prizes.

NEW FISHING METHOD

A hook and line is excess equipment when it comes to catching fish as far as Mrs. J. F. McClung, of Floral City, is concerned!

While fishing in Lake Tsala Apopka, she hooked a big bass and then battled with him for 30 minutes until her arm started tiring. Dispensing with her reel, Mrs. McClung finally boated the fish by pulling in the line hand over hand.

But the fish had different ideas. With a vicious flip, he tossed the hook from his mouth and frantically jumped back into the lake.

However, Mrs. McClung had other ideas too! She jumped in after the fish, recovered him in her arms and tossed him back into the boat.

His weight: Nine pounds, 15 ounces.

Some snakes have been known to live from one to two years without food by absorbing the fat of their own bodies.

Commission Begins Extensive Survey On St. Johns River

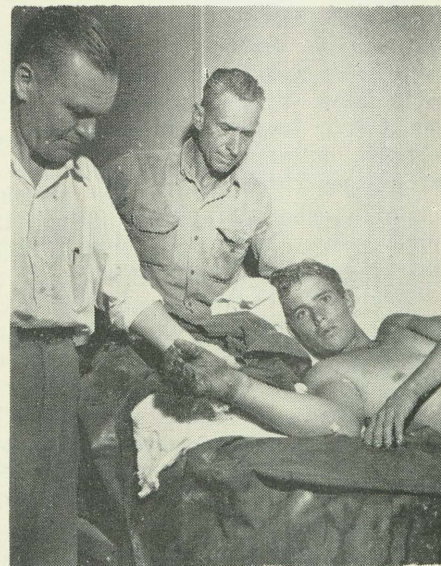
The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has launched a comprehensive 10-month survey of fish populations in the St. Johns River and Lake George.

Chief Fisheries Biologist John F. Dequine said the survey will include the waters of Crescent Lake, Dunn's Creek, Doctor's Lake, and the area extending northward from Volusia Bar to Jacksonville.

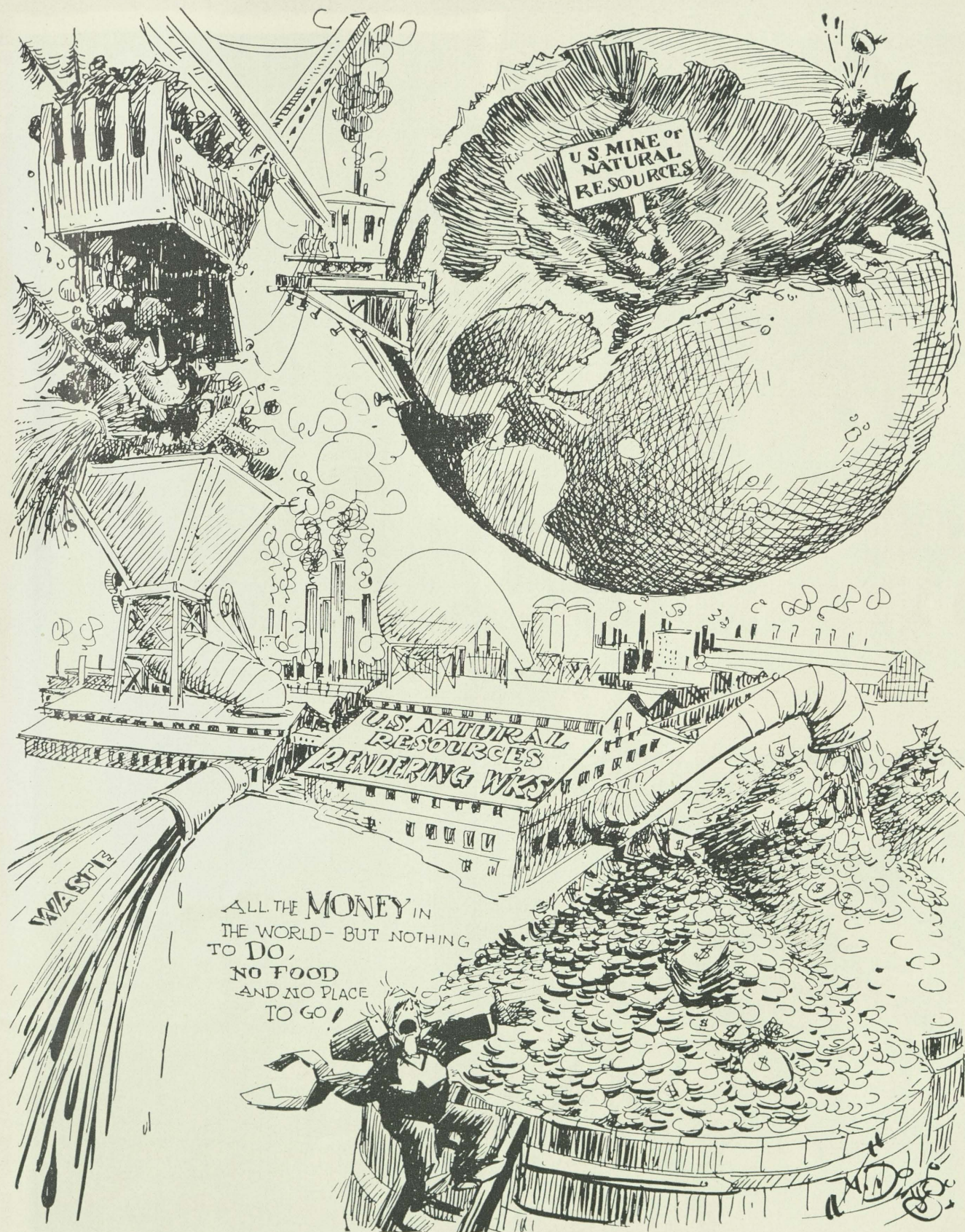
Ten commercial fishing operators have agreed to participate with their equipment and man-power in the scientific survey that will be carried on under the direct supervision of Fisheries Biologist Lynn Hutchens, Dequine explained.

Under the provisions of the Commission's agreement, the commercial operators will be permitted to take all catfish, gar fish, rough fish and turtles caught during the supervised netting operations. However, all game fish, with the exception of those kept by the biologists for scientific study, are to be returned to the water "immediately and unharmed." It is planned that a percentage of all game fish species netted will be tagged and released for future study of their migration, growth and other habits.

Under the Commission's agreement with the commercial fishermen who will aid in the project, seines will be restricted to three-inch stretched mesh and operations carried on during daylight hours only.



Eighteen-year-old David E. Douglas of LaBelle displays the gruesome results of a cottonmouth moccasin bite. Young Douglas, whom doctors say will recover, was bitten as he attempted to place a captured snake in a box. Dr. A. B. Johnson (left) of Clewiston and George Espenlaub are shown examining the youth's hand.



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